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## **BOYD WORKS TO FIGHT RED TIDE**

*Boyd's testimony highlights need for better understanding of red tide, its causes and effects*



*(l to r) Cong. Connie Mack (R-FL) and Cong. Allen Boyd (D-FL) testify before the Subcommittee*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) today highlighted the devastating effects of red tide on the local economy and environment.

Red tide is a naturally occurring algal bloom that causes respiratory problems in humans and kills fish and shellfish.

“As those of us in North Florida know all too well, our local economies, our environment, and our very way of life are threatened by red tide,” Boyd said.

Congressman Boyd is part of the effort in the Florida Delegation to provide much-needed funding for more research on red tide.

- Authorize \$90 million over a three-year period for peer-reviewed scientific research on red tide and its effects on humans and the environment.
- Require that all federal funds used to conduct harmful algal bloom research under this legislation be used for research on red tide.
- Require the Task Force, which is comprised of scientists from various federal agencies, to report the results of its research to the committee.

“When I was growing up, red tide was a very rare occurrence, but in recent years, outbreaks have become

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